

SELECTION COMMITTEE

NATCA members nominated their fellow colleagues to receive the Archie League Medal of Safety. The committee listed below selected the award recipients from the nominees in each region.



Ray Gibbons

Ray Gibbons is a recently retired air traffic controller who spent 25 years working for the Federal Aviation Administration. He was hired in 1982 and, after graduating from the FAA Academy, spent three years at the Peoria Air Traffic Control Tower and Terminal Radar Approach Control. He then went on to Chicago O'Hare Tower for two years before he found his home at Chicago TRACON, where he worked for 19 years.

Ray has been involved with NATCA since its inception, holding various leadership positions, including facility representative at both O'Hare Tower and Chicago TRACON. At the TRACON Ray was elected the facility representative twice, serving a total of 10 years. He has also been involved with NATCA on a national level, serving on the contract negotiating team in 2003 and 2005, on other negotiating teams involving CRU-X and credentialing and was the national TCAS representative. Ray received the NATCA Extraordinary Service Award in 1991 and the "NATTY" Outstanding Achievement Award in 2006.



Bruce Landsberg

Bruce Landsberg is the executive director of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation, a position he assumed in May 1992. He is responsible for guiding foundation activities including program development, publications, Internet education, special safety research projects and donor cultivation. He writes the monthly "Safety Pilot" column in AOPA Pilot magazine and is a regular contributor to Flight Training magazine.

Prior to becoming ASF's executive director, Landsberg was Product Marketing Manager for FlightSafety International in Wichita, Kan., specializing in transition and instrument training programs for high performance singles, light twins and turboprops, and for airline pilot recruitment programs. Prior to that, he was Manager for Cessna Aircraft Company's Air Age education department involved in fleet sales of aircraft to colleges and universities.

A former U.S. Air Force officer, Landsberg holds a B.A. in Psychology and a Master's degree in Industrial Technology from the University of Maryland. Landsberg has logged more than 6,000 hours of flight time and holds airline transport pilot (ATP), single-engine, multiengine and instrument flight instructor certificates. He has been an AOPA member for more than 35 years.



Wilson Riggan

Wilson B. Riggan, Jr. is an aviation professional who has worked on both sides of the microphone – as a controller and as a pilot. His ATC experience was in the 1970's at Indianapolis Center, where he achieved FPL status. He then returned to flying and college, receiving his Bachelors degree in 1982 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

In 38 years and 15,000+ flight hours as a pilot, Riggan has flown and instructed in almost all phases of civil aviation, from small general aviation airplanes, to a collegiate setting, to being a Chief Pilot at a large charter service and a small commuter airline and service as a major airline check airman. For more than 22 years Riggan has flown for American Airlines, where he is currently an international B767 Captain.

Riggan's other activities include serving in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary as their National Flight Safety Officer and an Instructor Pilot / Flight Examiner. He is also the chairman of the FAA Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee. Riggan is an experienced aviation accident investigator and serves on the national safety committee of the Allied Pilots Association (the AA pilots union) as their ATC expert.